

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 8 and 15 October 1951

DATE PREPARED 30 October 1951

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. On 8 October 1951, a large number of ground attack aircraft were observed at Stendal-Borstel airfield. The exact date of arrival of the additional aircraft could not be determined. Since early October, intensive flying, including formation flying by up to 10 planes, was observed over Stendal. On 8 October, two groups each of 11 two-seater low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and antenna mast in front of the cockpit, probably IL-10s, and another group of 5 planes of the same type were parked in front of the hangars.

An antenna mast about 12 meters high and a radio truck were observed in front of the easternmost hangar.

2. A total of 30 to 34 aircraft of the previously observed type were parked at the field on 15 October.

\* Comment. Stendal-Borstel airfield was previously occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment equipped with IL-10s, IL-2s, and some PO-2s. The regiment conducted joint exercises with army artillery. The increased number of IL-12s may indicate that a ground attack regiment was transferred to the field in early October 1951. The motor vehicle belong to the ground attack regiment previously stationed in Schoenwalde.

Reported transfer of the ground attack regiment from Schoenwalde to a location 90 km away, it is concluded that the ground attack regiment from Schoenwalde is now stationed at Stendal airfield.